Rehabilitation of NJMC

439. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the BIFR hearing on 23rd February, 2001 the Bench had observed that the promoter/company had shown lack of initiative and seriousness in respect to expeditious rehabilitation of NJMC;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government/Company has submitted a fully tied up comprehensive rehabilitation proposal before 27th June, 2001 as advised in the above hearing;

(d) if so, the details of the same; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) The BIFR in its hearing held on 23.02.2001 observed that the reply of NJMC to the enquiries made by the bench concerning steps taken towards rehabilitation of the company were not specific. It directed that concrete steps should be taken to enable the bench to reach a pragmatic conclusion towards the rehabilitation process.

(c) to (e) BIFR directed the Government to consider chances for revival of individual mills and/or for the company as a whole either through privatization or under the ownership/management of Government of India. As per the directions of BIFR, the Ministry of Textiles keeping in view the interest of the workers has prepared an Action Plan for NJMC which *inter alia* proposes sale of units to workers cooperatives first, failing which to State Governments, public sector/private sector. It has been proposed that the mills may be handed over to the buyers with the condition that they will continue to run these mills at least for 10 years and safeguard the interests of permanent workers. This plan was submitted to the BIFR on 27.06.2001.